

**THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA** met in Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2010 at 12:00 Noon in the Showers City Hall, McCloskey Room, 401 North Morton Street, with President David Walter presiding.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: David Walter, Michael Gentile, Michael Szakaly and John West

Commissioner(s) Absent: Jim Muehling and Elizabeth Kehoe

Staff Present: Lisa Abbott and Bob Woolford

Other(s) Present: Steve Smith, Smith Neubecker; Speaking on behalf of the Salvation Army were: Tom Bunger, Michael Romey, Katherine Fitzgerald, Jerry Dixon, Shannon Chapman, Ashley Skooglund and Peter Iverson

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES – None.**

**III. EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS – None.**

**IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.**

None.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. RESOLUTION 10-16: Approval of Confirming Resolution for Council Resolution 10-08 Authorizing the City of Bloomington to Prepare and Submit an Application for Grant Funding to Address the Rehabilitation of the Salvation Army Facility Located at 111 N. Rogers.**

Abbot explained the commission is here to confirm a resolution passed by the Council on May 5, 2010 authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural affairs on behalf of the Salvation Army. The application is for needed repairs on their daycare center and gymnasium.

Abbott introduced Donna Anderson as the grant administrator who will be handling this grant. Anderson explained they are applying for \$216,314. The Salvation is committing \$5,000 from their contingency fund and the Long Term Recovery Committee is committing \$1,200.

Gentile asked if the \$6,200 is a match for the grant. Anderson stated that a match is not required, but because there are so many applications their funds make them more competitive.

Szakaly asked if any other local agencies are requesting funding. Abbott said there are no other applications.

Anderson further explained that the Salvation Army (SA) was impacted by the 2008 storm. They had over a foot of water in their daycare center which was cleaned up at the time. In the fall they noticed that mold and a crack had developed in the basement. SA had the mold tested and various molds were found, but they did not have the funds at that time to deal with the situation. There was also some damage to the Community Center.

Anderson said they are proposing to remediate the mold in the daycare, fix the interior wall, take out some damaged walls and replace with water resistant materials. They will also install a new roof on the gym and repair the cracks on the exterior walls, replace the stairway and improve the drainage system in the playground area.

Anderson said the award announcements are expected in June.

West asked if the repairs will alleviate the water problems. Steve Smith explained the water remediation will take care of the problems for another 40 or 50 years – the water will drain away from the building. West asked if the funding is based on the bids. Smith stated the request is based on the contractor

estimates which were evaluated by them and the architect.

West said #2 in the resolution says we have done a study that we haven't actually done. Szakaly said he recommends that they move to incorporate surveys, studies and whatever reference material is available to the HAND Department just by reference into this meeting. Abbott said they can amend the resolution to say the RDC conducted a public hearing on this day assessing the housing, public and economic needs of its low and moderate income residents through the City of Bloomington's Consolidated Plan and received comments from its citizens.

Walter opened the meeting for public comment.

Tom Bunger stated he is on the advisory board for the Salvation Army and thanked everyone who helped get them to this point with the grant. He said the state of the building as represented is true and accurate. They feel fortunate to be able to meet some of the needs they have tried to deal with but have as yet been unable to do so.

Michael Romey stated he is also on the advisory board and is the property committee chair. He has been dealing with the building where the child care center is located which has had been a problem with the walls deflecting. They have not had the available funds to do what needed repairs. He said this would be a great use for the grant.

Katherine Fitzgerald said she and her husband are the Directors of the Salvation Army. She also has a child at the day care center. They took over the directorship two weeks after the flooding and have been working to resolve the problem since then. The child care center is a much needed service in the community. She said despite the situation, the facility is safe for the children. Fitzgerald said she hopes the RDC supports this grant.

Jerry Dixon is president of the auxiliary that supports the Salvation Army. She said the proposal will resolve a lot of the problems that the SA has been trying to take care of for a long time. Dixon said they have a great day care and after school program that are much needed by the community. She hopes the Commission will support this grant.

Shannon Chapman stated she is the child care director. She said this grant will allow them to provide a safe environment for the children.

Ashley Skooglund stated she is the Director for the Long Term Improvement Committee for the United Way. She explained that the mold issues have turned out to be a costly endeavor for the community, but it also impacts health issues. The United Way did not have enough money in their grant program to deal with the mold and water issues. This grant is designed specifically to meet the needs for what the Salvation Army is looking for.

Peter Iverson is an employee of the SA and was initially the coordinator for the programming for the Community Center. The majority of the children attending the day care center are from low income families and the SA sees this as a way to help out those in need. This provides necessary services for the kids in this community.

John West moved to approve the resolution as amended. Michael Szakaly seconded the amended resolution. The amended resolution was unanimously approved. **ADOPTED.**

## **VII. BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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David Walter, President

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Michael Gentile, Secretary

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Date